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Muni's On-Time Rebate Program to Begin

Starting on January 15, Muni passengers may ride free if they have had to wait for more than 15 minutes beyond the scheduled time for Muni routes as indicated in the Frequency Guide published in this newsletter. It's all part of the PUC's On-Time Rebate Program proposed by Commissioner Victor Makras, which is aimed at making Muni operate more efficiently and improving the Railway's image with passengers.

Here's how it works. With the exception of cable car passengers, who pay a different fare and are not eligible for the rebate, all riders on any other Muni passenger vehicle who wait for more than 15 minutes beyond the time indicated in Muni's Frequency Guide simply tell the operator, who will direct them to take a special "On-Time Program Request" from the Take-one Box on their bus.

The "On-Time Program Request" is a postage-paid card that the passenger must fill out and mail back to Muni for a rebate. Passengers fill out their name and address and indicate in what form they would like their rebate – as a token or a discount on their transit pass. Additionally, they complete information on the date, line, bus number, location and direction of travel of the bus they have had to wait for and how long they waited. Once Muni receives the "On-time Program Request," it will verify whether a delay occurred on that line. If a delay did occur, passengers will either receive a token good for one ride on any Muni vehicle, or a discount on their next Muni pass. Per refund card, this amounts to $1.00 for adult pass holders, 25 cents for discount or youth pass holders and 50 cents for half-monthly

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Dear Rider,

Last August we raised your fares and now we'd like to give something back to you. On January 15, Muni begins its On-Time Rebate Program. That means that if you wait for more than 15 minutes beyond the scheduled time for a bus, you may be eligible for a free ride or a discount on your transit pass. Please read the story on

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Muni's general manager, Johnny B. Stein

the front and back panels of this newsletter for information about the program and consult the Frequency Guide reprinted in this Muni Times for your route's schedule.

We also bring to you in this issue information on Muni's new half-monthly pass and where you can purchase it, the Railway's 80th Birthday which took place on December 28th, and Muni's three brand new cable cars, fêted at a Holiday Parade in early December.

Under Neighborhood News, we announce the large-scale public meeting on the Bayshore Corridor Study, and in Construction Update, we let you know the progress of such projects as the F line and Metro Extension.

If you have comments or concerns about these or other issues related to Muni, please share them with me.

Johnny Stein
General Manager

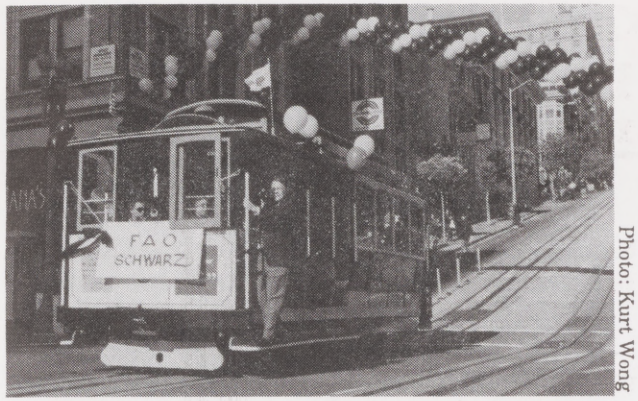


Photo: Kurt Wong

A scene from the cable car parade.

Holiday Parade Heralds New Cable Cars

Muni ushered in the holiday season this year with a Holiday Cable Car Parade on Powell Street on Saturday, December 5th, to show off three new cable cars – numbers 13, 21 and 49 – built completely from scratch in Muni shops.

Featured in the parade were 12 cable cars, including two of the three new ones, with Santa Claus, Jingle Bear from the Emporium, Ronald McDonald, the Teen Musical Theatre, Super Mario from Nintendo of America, Geoffrey Giraffe from Toys "R" Us, dancers from the Nutcracker Ballet, the St. Mary's Chinese Girls Drum Corps, Sons of the Sea, and the Sixth U.S. Army band.

The new cars, crafted from American oak, Alaska yellow cedar and the tropical apitong wood, are also fitted with many brass furnishings including their well-known bells, cast from patterns handmade by Muni craftsmen.

The costs of putting on the festivities were covered by the generous contributions from Muni's private sector friends including members of the Union Square Association, the San Francisco Shopping Centre, KFRC Magic 61, the St. Francis Hotel, Alaska Airlines, Transportation Displays Inc., The Emporium, King Security, the Pan Pacific Hotel, The Greater Market Street Redevelopment Association, the Hotel Council, American Conservatory Theater, the San Francisco Ballet, the Corona Restaurant, Shaw Candy, FAO Schwarz, McDonald's, Nintendo, the Market Street Railway, Toys "R" Us, and the Downtown Association.

Sale of Tokens and Half-Monthly Passes Begins

On January 1, Muni will begin the sale of tokens and half-monthly transit passes for use on all passenger vehicles.

Last summer, the Board of Supervisors approved the sale of a $16 half-monthly pass and 90¢ tokens to give passengers a break on the $1.00 adult fare, which was increased from 85¢ on August 1.

The half-monthly pass will be good from the 1st to the 15th or from the 16th to the end of each month. As with Muni's Fast Pass, Youth Pass and Discount Passes, half-monthly passes will be good during a three-day grace period after their expiration date. The 90¢ tokens are valid for a single cash fare and will be sold in rolls of ten for $9, rolls of 20 for $18, rolls of 30 for $27 and rolls of 40 for $36. On cable cars, the fare is $3 or one token plus $2.

Passengers will be able to buy the half-monthly pass on the five days before and the five days after the 15th of each month in addition to the times that regular transit passes are sold. Both tokens and half-monthly passes will be available at the following locations only: City Hall Information Booth, 400 Van Ness; Muni Headquarters at 949 Presidio Avenue; Financial District Pharmacy, 50 Leidesdorff at Pine; Haight & Cole Liquors, 1699 Haight; Charlie's Drug Store, 1101 Fillmore, SF Check Cashing, 847 Divisadero; Chandlers, 2154 Union; Richmond Stationers, 609 Clement, Deeds & Daily World Travel, 311 Ninth Avenue; Halls Pharmacy, 6157 Geary; Stop by Mart, 1800 Clement; Paper Chase, 1839 Irving, Apollo Food Company, 2218 Irving; Gene's Liquors, 2201 Taraval; Go Getters Market, 61 Gough; Visitacion Valley Pharmacy, 100 Leland at Alpha; Mission Check Cashers, 4601 Mission. For information on other locations that sell either passes or tokens, please call 923-6051.

Guide to Muni Frequency of Service
Average Time in Minutes

ROUTE NAME		WEEKDAY First	7-9a	9a-4p	4-6p	Eve	Last	SATURDAY First	7-10	10-6	Eve	Last	SUNDAY First	7-10	10-6	Eve	Last	OWL 1a-5a
PH Powell & Hyde	(Cable Car)	6:09	10	6	6	8	12:30	6:09	12	6	8	12:31	6:09	12	6	8	12:31	—
PM Powell & Mason	(Cable Car)	6:33	10	6	6	8	12:42	6:30	12	6	8	12:43	6:30	12	6	8	12:43	—
C California	(Cable Car)	6:22	6	8	6	12	12:44	6:30	20	12	12	12:45	6:30	20	12	12	12:45	—
F Market	(Historic Trolley)	Call 673-6864 for information on this service.																
J Church	(Metro) W	5:06	5	10	6	12	12:26	6:13	15	15	20	12:04	8:06	20	18	20	12:04	—*
K Ingleside	(Metro) W	5:16	10	10	12	12	12:02	6:00	12	12	20	11:56p	8:04	15	15	20	11:56p	30*
L Taraval	(Metro) W	Owl	5	10	6	12	Owl	Owl	12	10	20	Owl	Owl	15	12	20	Owl	30
M Ocean View	(Metro) W	5:40	10	10	12	12	11:52p	6:20	12	12	20	11:58p	8:07	15	15	20	11:58p	—
N Judah	(Metro) W	Owl	5	10	6	12	Owl	Owl	10	8	20	Owl	Owl	20	10	20	Owl	30
1 California	(TC)	5:20	8	6	8	15	1:20	5:20	15	7	20	1:20	5:20	15	8	20	1:20	—
East of Fillmore	(TC)		3	6	3	15			15	7	20			15	8	20		—
1AX California 'A' Express		—	8†	—	12†	—	—	Inbound: 6:55 - 8:30 a.m.					Outbound: 4:10 - 6:00 p.m.					
1BX California 'B' Express		—	6†	—	10†	—	—	Inbound: 6:54 - 8:42 a.m.					Outbound: 4:15 - 6:05 p.m.					
2 Clement	W	5:34	10	20	10	—	6:54p	5:07	15	15	—	7:23p	5:07	15	15	—	7:23p	—
3 Jackson	(TC)	7:04	10	20	10	20	12:59	5:22	15	15	20	1:08	5:22	15	15	20	1:08	—
4 Sutter	(TC)	5:28	10	20	10	—	5:59p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 Fulton	(TC)	Owl	4	8	4	15	Owl	Owl	12	8	15	Owl	Owl	12	9	15	Owl	30
6 Parnassus	(TC)	6:19	8	12	9	20	12:20	6:22	15	10	20	12:20	6:36	20	20	20	12:20	—
7 Haight	(TC)	5:57	8	12	9	—	6:58p	9:33	—	10	—	6:34p	10:35	—	20	—	6:33p	—
8 Market	(TC)	6:06	8	15	8	15	12:35	6:05	12	12	15	12:35	6:08	20	15	20	12:35	—
9 San Bruno	W	5:35	8	10	8	15	12:14	5:39	15	10	15	12:14	5:39	15	10	15	12:14	—*
9X San Bruno Express	W	—	12*	12	9*	—	—	Inbound: 9:04 a.m. - 6:08 p.m.					Outbound: 7:17 a.m. - 6:38 p.m.					
9AX San Bruno 'A' Express		—	10†	—	8†	—	—	Inbound: 6:43 - 8:56 a.m.					Outbound: 4:08 - 6:14 p.m.					
9BX San Bruno 'B' Express		—	10†	—	8†	—	—	Inbound: 6:51 - 8:59 a.m.					Outbound: 4:02 - 6:08 p.m.					
12 Folsom		6:41	20	20	20	—	6:05p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14 Mission	(TC)	Owl	8	8	8	9	Owl	Owl	6	6	9	Owl	Owl	6	6	9	Owl	30
North of Persia			4	4	4	9			6	6	9			6	6	9		30
14L Mission Limited		8:40	—	18	—	—	3:43p	9:06	—	12	—	4:53p	—	—	—	—	—	—
14X Mission Express		—	8†	—	9†	—	—	Inbound: 6:29 - 8:27 a.m.					Outbound: 4:02 - 6:02 p.m.					
15 Third Street	W	5:28	5	10	6	15	11:56p	5:28	10	10	15	12:08	5:28	10	10	15	12:08	—*
16AX Noriega 'A' Express		—	10†	—	10†	—	—	Inbound: 6:26 - 8:22 a.m.					Outbound: 4:02 - 6:10 p.m.					
16BX Noriega 'B' Express		—	10†	—	10†	—	—	Inbound: 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.					Outbound: 4:00 - 6:05 p.m.					
17 Parkmerced	W	6:15	20	20	20	20	12:10	6:15	20	20	20	12:10	6:15	20	20	20	12:10	—
18 46th Avenue	W	5:39	15	20	15	20	12:20	6:20	20	20	20	12:20	6:20	20	20	20	12:20	—
19 Polk		5:22	10	15	15	15	1:37	5:22	20	20	15	1:37	5:22	20	20	15	1:37	—
North of 9th & Mission			10	8	8	15			20	10	15			20	10	15		—
Navy Yard service		5:22	10	15	15	—	7:42p	5:23	20	20	—	7:42p	5:22	20	20	—	7:42p	—
21 Hayes	(TC)	5:40	6	10	6	20	12:50	5:45	15	12	20	12:50	5:45	15	12	20	12:50	—
22 Fillmore	(TC)	Owl	6	8	7	10	Owl	Owl	10	8	10	Owl	Owl	10	8	10	Owl	30
23 Monterey	W	5:44	15	20	15	20	12:05	5:42	20	20	20	12:05	5:42	20	20	20	12:05	—
24 Divisadero	(TC)	Owl	8	10	8	15	Owl	Owl	20	15	15	Owl	Owl	20	15	15	Owl	30
26 Valencia	W	6:04	15	20	15	20	12:32	6:11	20	20	20	12:32	6:11	20	20	20	12:32	—
27 Bryant		5:40	12	15	15	20	12:35	6:10	20	15	20	12:35	6:10	20	15	20	12:35	—
28 19th Avenue	W	5:23	‡10	12	11	20	12:23	5:23	12	12	20	12:23	5:23	12	12	20	12:23	30*
29 Sunset S. of 25th & Calif.	W	6:03	15	15	14	20	12:44	6:00	15	15	20	12:48	6:00	15	15	20	12:48	—
Letterman Hospital service	W	6:41	30	30	28	—	7:12p	6:50	30	30	—	7:08p	6:50	30	30	—	7:08p	—
30 Stockton	(TC)	5:20	4	6	4	10	1:06	6:00	10	6	10	1:06	6:00	20	10	10	1:06	—*
E. of Van Ness & No. Point	(TC)		4	6	4	10			10	6	10			20	5	10		30*
30X Marina Express*		—	5†	—	8†	—	—	Inbound: 6:05 - 9:10 a.m.					Outbound: 3:42 - 6:17 p.m.					
31 Balboa	W	5:20	8	12	9	15	12:24	5:20	15	15	15	12:24	5:20	15	15	15	12:24	—
31AX Balboa 'A' Express		—	8†	—	10†	—	—	Inbound: 6:50 - 8:10 a.m.					Outbound: 4:12 - 6:02 p.m.					
31BX Balboa 'B' Express		—	10†	—	13†	—	—	Inbound: 6:50 - 8:30 a.m.					Outbound: 4:17 - 6:00 p.m.					
32 Embarcadero	W	6:08	12	15	12	—	6:07p	6:35	20	20	—	6:15p	6:35	20	20	—	6:15p	—
33 Stanyan	(TC)	6:00	20	20	20	20	12:40	6:00	20	20	20	12:40	6:00	20	20	20	12:40	—
35 Eureka	W	5:15	15	20	15	30	1:00	5:30	30	30	30	1:00	5:30	30	30	30	1:00	—

ROUTE NAME		WEEKDAY First	7-9a	9a-4p	4-6p	Eve	Last	SATURDAY First	7-10	10-6	Eve	Last	SUNDAY First	7-10	10-6	Eve	Last	OWL 1a-5a
36 Teresita	W	6:30	20	20	20	30	12:25	6:30	30	30	30	12:25	6:30	30	30	30	12 25	—
37 Corbett	W	6:15	15	30	15	30	12:30	6:05	30	30	30	12:30	6:05	30	30	30	12 30	—
38 Geary Ft. Miley service	W	6:05	10	12	10	—*	12:10	7:15	20	15	—*	7:23p	—	—*	—*	—*	--	—
Pt. Lobos service	W	5:14*	—	—	—	20	12:10	4:56	13	12	20	12:09	4:34	30	10	20	12 44	—
Ocean Beach Service	W	Owl	20	20	15	30	Owl	Owl	20	12	30	Owl	Owl	30	15	30	Owl	30
East of 33rd Avenue	W	Owl	7	7	5	10	Owl	Owl	7	5	10	Owl	Owl	15	5	10	Owl	30
38L Geary Limited		—	7	7	4	—	—	Inbound: 6:09 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.					Outbound: 7:50 a.m. - 6:40 p.m.					
38AX Geary 'A' Express		—	9†	—	13†	—	—	Inbound: 6:51 - 8:31 a.m.					Outbound: 4:14 - 6:04 p.m.					
38BX Geary 'B' Express		—	6†	—	9†	—	—	Inbound: 6:46 - 8:38 a.m.					Outbound: 4:04 - 6:05 p.m.					
39 Coit	W	7:20	30	20	20	—	7:46p	7:20	30	20	—	7:46p	7:20	30	20	—	7:46p	—
41 Union	(TC)	—	4	—	6	—	—	Inbound and outbound: 5:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:33 - 6:49 p.m.										
42 Downtown Loop	W	6:17	9	12	9	20	12:32	6:29	20	20	20	12:21	6:29	20	20	20	12 21	—
43 Masonic	W	5:40	‡10	12	10	20	12:28	5:48	15	15	20	12:27	5:48	15	15	20	12 27	—
44 O'Shaughnessy	W	5:55	‡15	15	10	20	12:30	5:55	15	20	20	12:30	5:55	15	20	20	12:30	—
West of Mission	W		‡15	15	10	20			15	10	20			15	10	20		—
45 Union-Stockton	(TC)	6:10	6	6	8	20	1:02	6:10	15	12	20	1:30	6:10	20	15	20	1:30	—*
47 Van Ness	(TC)	5:40	9	12	9	20	1:00	5:44	20	20	20	1:05	5:44	20	20	20	1:05	—*
48 Quintara-24th St.*	W	5:20	12	20	12	20	12:20	5:45	20	15	20	12:20	5:45	20	15	20	12:20	—
betw. W. Portal and 23rd & Kansas			‡12	10	12	20			20	15	20			20	15	20		—
49 Van Ness-Mission	(TC)	6:00	8	12	9	20	12:51	6:39	20	12	20	12:51	6:39	20	12	20	12:51	—*
52 Excelsior	W	6:20	20	20	20	30	12:09	6:20	20	20	30	12:09	6:20	20	20	30	12:09	—
53 Southern Heights	W	6:45	30	30	30	—	7:15p	8:30	—	20	—	7:15p	8:30	—	20	—	7:15p	—
54 Felton	W	5:53	20	20	20	20	12:57	5:55	20	20	20	12:55	5:55	20	20	20	12:55	—
56 Rutland	W	6:50	30	30	30	30	7:05p	6:50	30	30	30	7:05p	6:50	30	30	30	7:05p	—
66 Quintara		6:50	20	20	20	30	11:42p	6:30	30	30	30	11:42p	6:30	30	30	30	11:42p	—
67 Bernal Heights		6:10	20	20	20	20	12:10	6:10	20	20	20	12:10	6:10	20	20	20	12:10	—
71 Haight-Noriega	W	6:04	10	12	10	20	12:21	6:31	15	15	20	12:21	6:31	15	15	20	12:21	—
76 Marin Headlands	W	Operates Sundays only, hourly service: To Marin: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; To S.F.: 10:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.																
80X Gateway Express		—	10†	—	10†	—	—	Inbound: 6:15 - 8:45 a.m.					Outbound: 4:04- 6:13 p.m.					
81X CalTrain Express		—	10†	—	10†	—	—	Inbound: 6:15 - 8:45 a.m.					Outbound: 3:54 - 5:30 p.m.					
82X Levi Plaza Express		—	20†	—	20†	—	—	Inbound: 6:19 - 8:45 a.m.					Outbound: 3:57 - 6:00 p.m.					
83 Pacific		7:11	15	10	8	20	12:40	6:20	15	10	20	12:40	6:20	15	10	20	12:40	—
88 BART Shuttle		—	16†	—	10†	—	—	Inbound: 6:30 - 8:39 a.m.					Outbound: 4:05 - 6:30 p.m.					
89 Laguna Honda	W	10:12	—	15	—	—	2:45p	10:12	—	15	—	2:45p	10:12	—	15	—	2:45p	—
90 Owl San Bruno	W	1:18	—	—	—	—	4:40	1:16	—	—	—	4:40	1:16	—	—	—	4:40	30
91 Owl	W	12:55	—	—	—	—	4:24	12:55	—	—	—	4:24	12:55	—	—	—	4:24	30

All times are a.m. unless otherwise indicated. (TC) Trolley Coach service. For further information, please call 673-MUNI (673-6864).

For specific details of service, refer to route descriptions below, as well as Muni's free Timetable Booklet.

The frequencies indicated are approximate. The "First" and "Last" columns give the times between which the whole line is in operation in both directions. Most service is available before and after these hours, especially peak-direction service.

Muni Metro stations are open from 5 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. weekdays, 5:45 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Saturdays and 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Sundays.

*For Owl service, refer to route descriptions below and Owl map on reverse.
Owl service on the L and N lines operates via surface routes.
J Church – See line 24.
K Ingleside – See line 91.
5, 28 & 45 – See line 91.
9, 30, 47 & 49 – See line 90.

† Service operates peak-hour peak-direction only.

*9X – reverse-peak direction service. For peak-direction service, see 9AX and 9BX.

*30X – Presidio Express service provided outbound from the Embarcadero 6:26 – 8:01 a.m. and inbound from the Presidio 3:35 – 5:00 p.m.

*38 – Ft. Miley service provided on request only by buses to Pt. Lobos terminal: weekday evenings, Saturday mornings & evenings, and Sundays.

*38 - Pt. Lobos terminal first bus – weekday service to Pt. Lobos provided by 38 Geary local from 5:14 – 7:39 a.m., and from 6:48 p.m. until 1:04 a.m. Other weekday times, see 38L Geary Limited for service to Pt. Lobos.

*48 – service extension between West Portal and Great Highway & Rivera operates weekdays 6:40 – 9:30 a.m. and 1:50 – 6:45 p.m.

‡ 28, 43, 44, 48 – Supplemental service offered on school days.
‡ 28L Weekday school hours only– limited stop service on #28 route from Daly City Bart Station to California St.

Ballpark Express service is available. Call 673-MUNI (673-6864) for information on routes and schedules.

W – Wheelchair-accessible service available during times indicated.
All Muni Metro lines are wheelchair-accessible at stations and platforms.

Construction Update

F LINE: Construction on the F-Market Historic Streetcar line from Castro to Duboce (Phase 3) is approximately six months ahead of schedule. Nearly all the track has been laid and crews are now beginning to work on the installation of boarding islands and median strips, some of which will be landscaped with 20-foot-tall Canary Island palm trees.

In the spring of 1993, construction will begin on the 11th Street-to-Duboce Avenue phase (Phase 4), the final phase of the project, which is scheduled for completion in December 1994. Work will include placement of new track and overhead wire, sidewalk reshaping and repaving, and installation of medians and boarding islands.

In early 1995 the F-Market Historic Streetcar line will begin service along its new tracks on Market Street from the Transbay Terminal to Castro Street, including a return loop on Noe and 17th Streets.

MUNI METRO EXTENSION: As part of the City's Waterfront Transportation Projects, construction began this fall on the South Embarcadero Roadway phase of the Muni Metro Extension (MMX) to the South-of-Market area. The King Street phase of the MMX will begin in 1993. With the completion of the MMX, nearly two miles will be added to Muni's light rail system when tracks are extended from the Muni Metro Turnaround at Folsom Street along the Embarcadero and King Street to Sixth and Berry. Future service to Rincon Point, South Beach, Mission Bay and the CalTrain Depot at Fourth and Townsend will be provided by the MMX. Construction of the South Embarcdero Roadway phase is scheduled for completion by June 1994. Construction of the King Street phase is scheduled for completion in 1995.

Did You Know

Muni's shortest line is the 89 Laguna Honda at 1.1 miles round trip and Muni's longest line is the 91 Owl (operates only at night) at 48.2 miles round trip. The longest daytime lines are the 29 Sunset at 35.1 miles round trip and the 76 Marin Headlands, which runs Sundays and holidays, at 33.1 miles round trip.

Neighborhood News

Bayshore Corridor Study Begins— Public Meeting Announced

On Monday, January 25th, the first large-scale public meeting on the Bayshore Corridor Study will be held at Southeast Community Center, 1800 Oakdale Avenue at Phelps, at 6:00 PM.

This general information meeting is being held to explain the purpose of the Bayshore Corridor System Planning Study and to solicit input from interested parties.

The Bayshore Corridor Study is being conducted for the Municipal Railway by the engineering and planning firm of Wilbur Smith and Associates. Its purpose is to develop and evaluate several alternatives for improved transportation service to the Bayshore neighborhoods, i.e. parts of Potrero Hill, Bayview/Hunters Point and Visitacion Valley. Subsequent meetings in each of these neighborhoods will also be held as the study progresses.

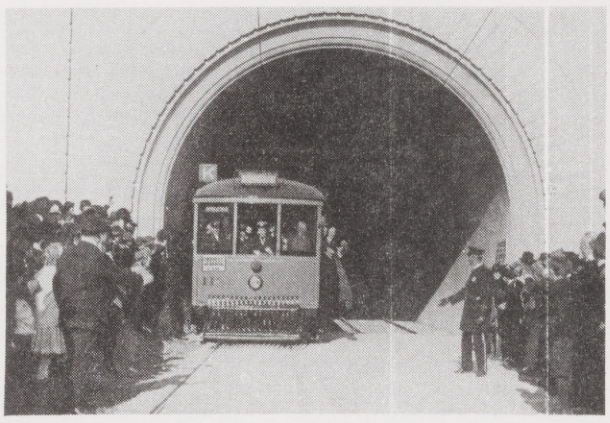
Among the transit alternatives that will be assessed as part of the Bayshore Corridor System Planning Study will be the feasibility of constructing a light rail line along Third Street.

Anyone wishing to be on the Bayshore Study's mailing list should write to Sue Stropes, Muni Service Planning, 949 Presidio Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94115.

A Blast from the Past

On February 3, the Twin Peaks Tunnel will be 75 years old. On that day in 1918, Muni began the first streetcar service through the 11,920-ft. tunnel, with cars running from St. Francis Circle to Van Ness Avenue and Pine.

The east end of the tunnel (at Castro Street) was constructed to slope downwards for an eventual Market Street subway link – a connection that was finally made over 60 years later with the construction of Muni Metro.



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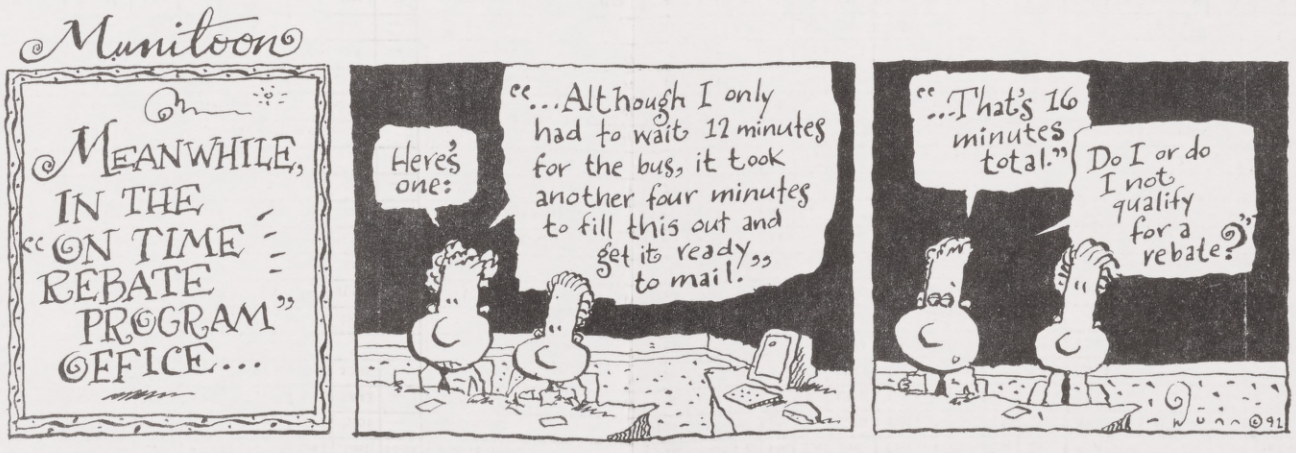
Mayor "Sunny Jim" Rolph is at the controls of the first car through the Twin Peaks Tunnel on the opening day of service. Taken at West Portal, February 3, 1918.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MEANWHILE, IN THE "ON TIME" REBATE PROGRAM OFFICE...
Here's one:
"...Although I only had to wait 12 minutes for the bus, it took another four minutes to fill this out and get it ready to mail."
"...That's 16 minutes total."
Do I or do I not qualify for a rebate?
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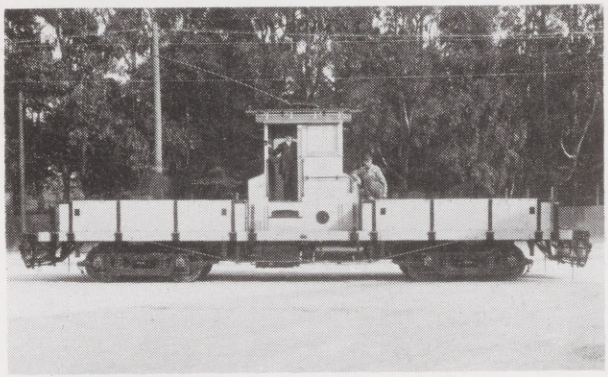
Happy Birthday Muni

Car C-1 Honored as Special Guest



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Car C-1 at the time of its purchase in 1917. It has been restored to this appearance recently .

On Monday, December 28th, Muni celebrated its 80th birthday. On that date in 1912, the Railway began operation as one of the first few publicly owned transit systems in the U.S.

To celebrate its birthday, Muni held a special dedication ceremony for Car C-1, an old Muni work car that used to transport construction materials in Muni's early days. Car C-1 is a steel motor flat car with low sides that can be swung down out of the way, and a removable platform tower for overhead wire work. It was built in 1917 by Pacific Car and Equipment Company in South San Francisco. In 1975, Car C-1 went on loan to the California Railway Museum in Rio Vista. It returned to Muni in 1991, and has now been completely refurbished.

The rededication of Car C-1 at Muni's 80th birthday party was held at Duboce and Market at 10:00 a.m. on December 28th. Muni received proclamations from Mayor Frank Jordan commemorating the event. An interesting discovery was made during the restoration of car C-1. A unique, never-before-confirmed logo was uncovered – an overlapping "M" and "R" sitting together inside a circle.

Rules of the Ride

Muni operators are not required to re-open the doors after passengers waiting at a stop have boarded and the doors are closed. This is for safety purposes and so that operators can maintain their schedules.

On-Time Program

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pass holders. There will be a limit of five approved "On-Time Program Request" cards with the PUC seal affixed per passenger per month.

The cards will be redeemable for the purchase of passes at the following locations ONLY: Muni Headquarters at 949 Presidio Avenue, the City Hall Information Booth, the Water Department at 425 Mason Street and Muni's Green Division at 425 Geneva Avenue. Passes will be on sale at these locations the last five working days of each month and the first five working days of the following month. Half-monthly passes will be available in addition to these days on the five days before and the five days after the 15th of each month. (Please see half-monthly pass story in this newsletter.)

The PUC has allocated $1 million to fund the On-Time Rebate Program, which includes salaries for 34 car cleaners and 15 additional on-street supervisors to ensure that the buses run on time. $100,000 has been earmarked for rebates. As soon as that $100,000 has been used, the program will stop until the PUC elects to fund it further.

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